GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLOSURE OF METAL AND COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several metal and coal-mines have been closed down in the country as they proved unprofitable;

(b) if so, the number of such mines closed down by the end of March, 2002 alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the names of metals/minerals extracted out of these mines?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (c): As per available information, the State- wise & mineral/metal-wise details of the mineral /metal and coal mines closed down on the ground mainly of being unprofitable, by the end of March 2002 is given below :-

Sl.No.	State	No. of mines closed down	Name of metal/minerals extracted out of these mines
1	West Bengal	4	Coal
2	Bihar	17#	Coal
3	Jharkhand	2	Coal
4	Jharkhand	3	Copper
5	Madhya Pr.	3##	Coal
6	Maharashtra	1	Coal
7	Karnataka	2	Gold
8	Andhra Pr.	1	Gold
9	Orissa	1	Lead
Total		34	

These mines were closed prior to formation of Jharkhand State. All these mines are now in Jharkhand.

These mines were closed prior to formation of Chattisgarh. Now one of these mines is in Chattisgarh and the other two are in Madhya Pradesh.